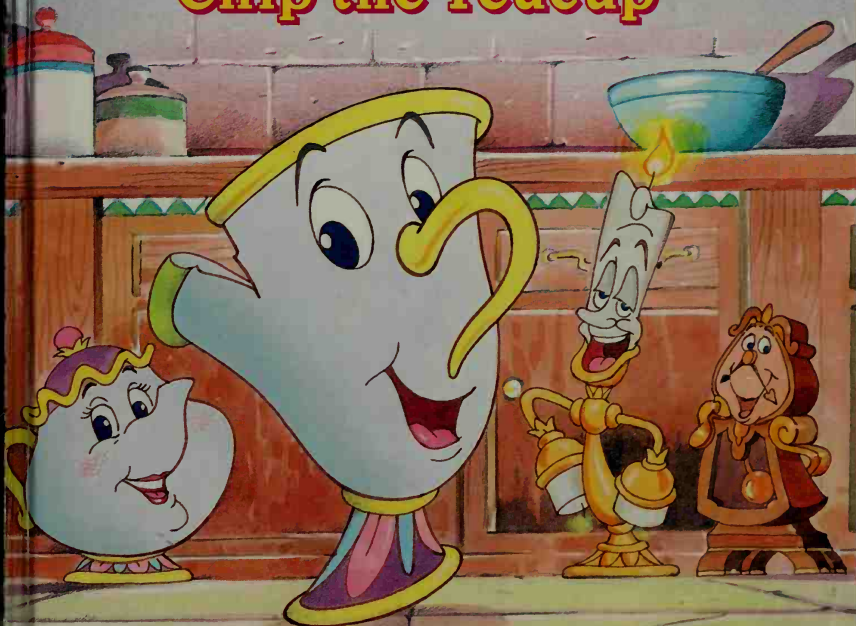


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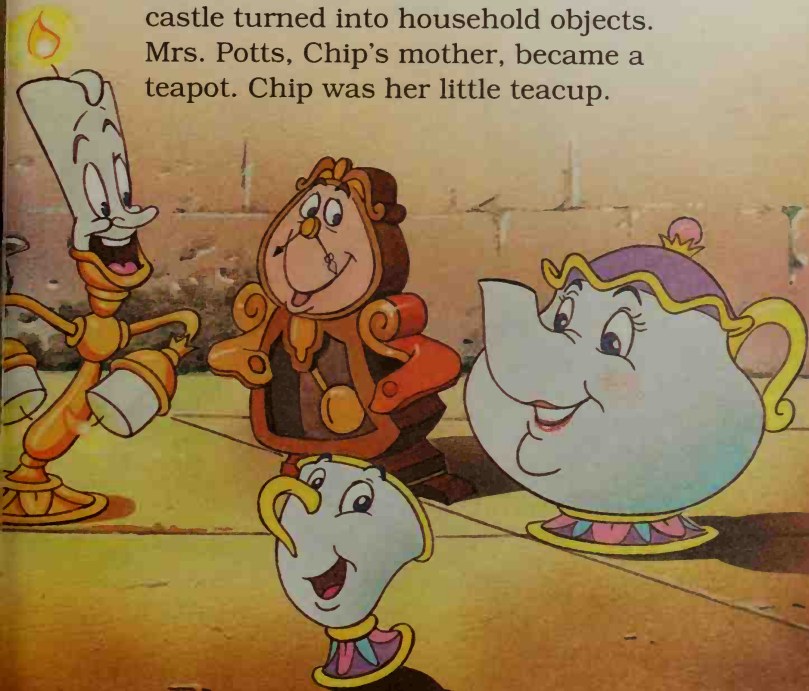
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Chip hadn't always been a teacup. He had once been a little boy. But one day a strange enchantress cast a spell over the castle where Chip lived with his mother.

Under the spell all the servants in the castle turned into household objects. Mrs. Potts, Chip's mother, became a teapot. Chip was her little teacup.





The enchantress turned the prince of the castle into a fearsome beast. She also gave him an enchanted rose. If no young woman fell in love with the Beast before he turned twenty-one, the rose would die and the prince would be a beast forever. That meant Chip would be a teacup forever!





Time went by until one day an inventor named Maurice lost his way deep in the forest. When a pack of wolves began to chase him, he escaped into the Beast's castle.



Soon Maurice's beautiful daughter, Belle, came to the castle, searching for her father.

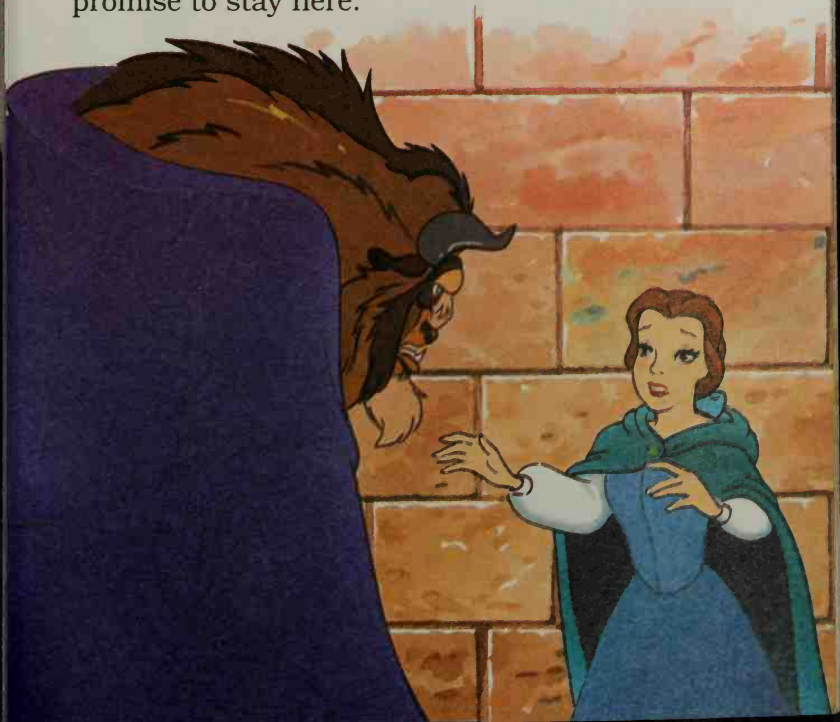
"Mama! Mama!" Chip cried. "There's a girl in the castle!" All the objects were excited at the news.



Belle found her father, but the Beast wouldn't let Maurice leave the castle.

"My father isn't well," Belle pleaded. "Please let him go. Take me instead!"

"Very well," the Beast agreed. "But you must promise to stay here."



Chip and his friends knew that if Belle and the Beast fell in love, the spell would be broken. They liked Belle and tried to make her happy.

The Beast wanted to be Belle's friend, too. But he didn't know what to do to make her like him.







"Try to act like a gentleman," Mrs. Potts told the Beast.

"It's no use!" the Beast answered. "She's so beautiful, and I'm . . . not."

"At least smile at her," advised Lumiere the candelabra.

The Beast took their advice. Little by little he and Belle became friends.



As the days passed, it seemed as though Belle and the Beast were falling in love. Chip hoped with all his might that they were. He wanted to be a boy again.







But time was growing short. The enchanted rose was beginning to lose its petals.

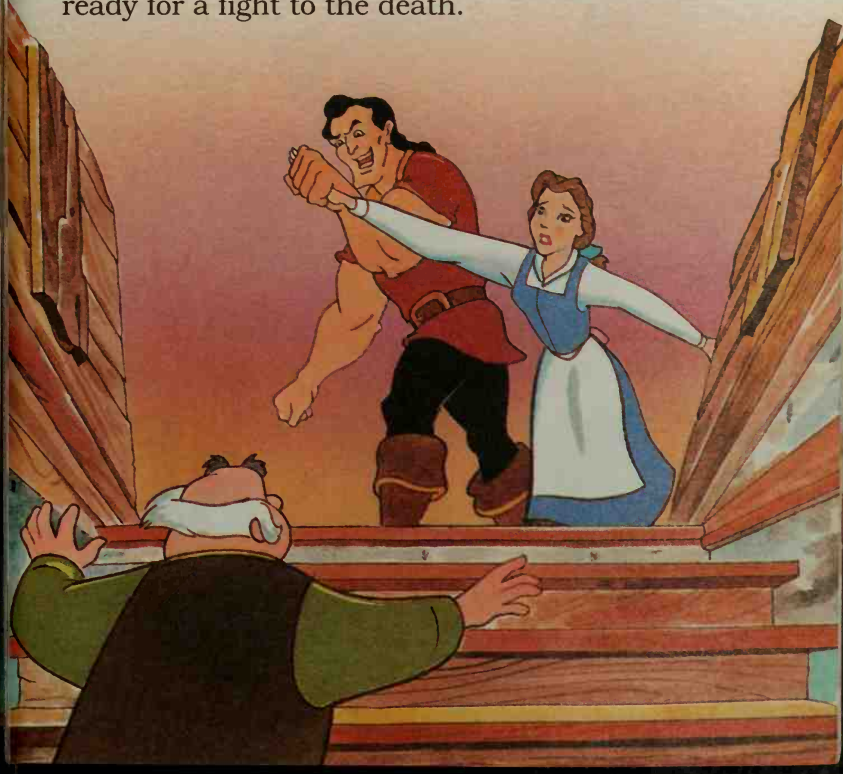


One night Belle learned that her father was in trouble. "I must go to him!" she cried.

There were only a few petals left on the rose, but the Beast let Belle go home. He loved Belle and didn't want her to be unhappy.

Chip couldn't bear to see Belle leave, so he hid in the saddlebag and went along with her.

A terrible man named Gaston wanted Belle for himself. But first he had to get rid of the Beast. He locked Belle and Maurice in the cellar of their cottage. Then off to the castle he rode, ready for a fight to the death.



Outside the cottage, Chip was frantic. "I must free Belle and Maurice!" he said. Then he saw one of Maurice's inventions in the yard, and it gave him an idea.





Chip didn't know how to get the contraption going. But he pushed a few knobs and pulled a few levers. Soon the machine was moving—right toward the cellar door!



“Belle! Look out!” Maurice shouted as he pulled his daughter out of the way.

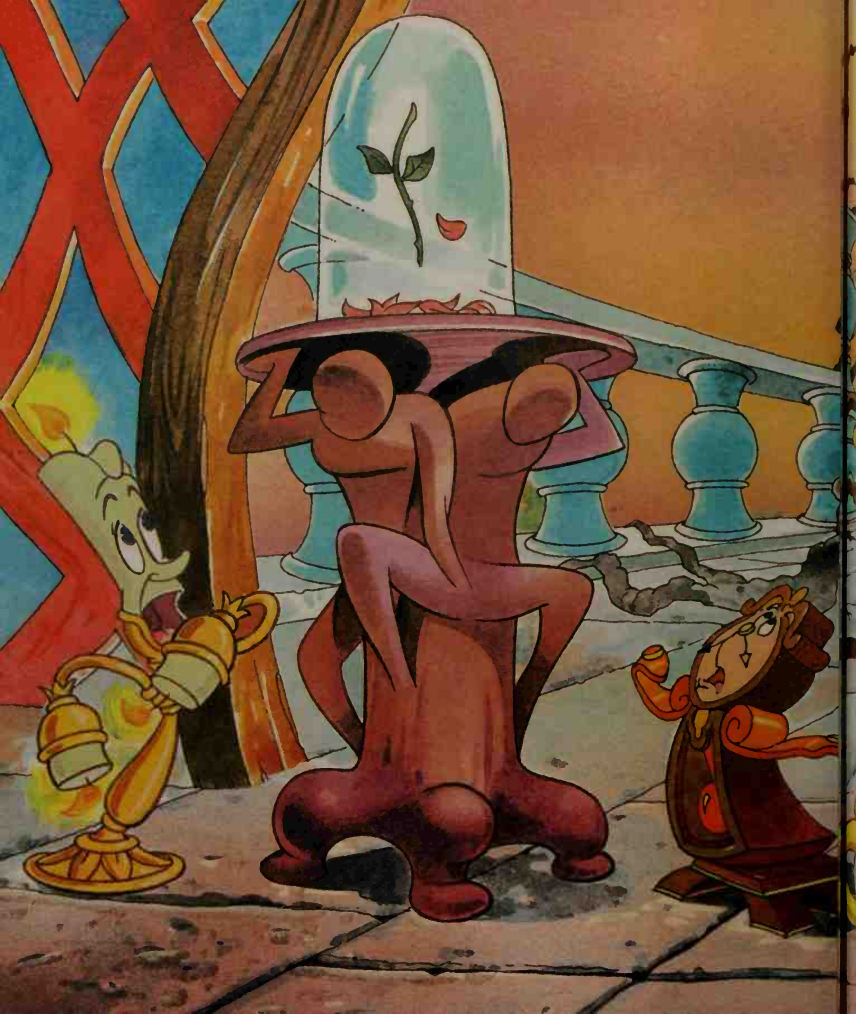
CRASH! Chip rode the machine right into the cellar.





"We're free!" Belle cried.

She and Maurice rushed outside with Chip. Soon they were on their way back to the castle to help the Beast.



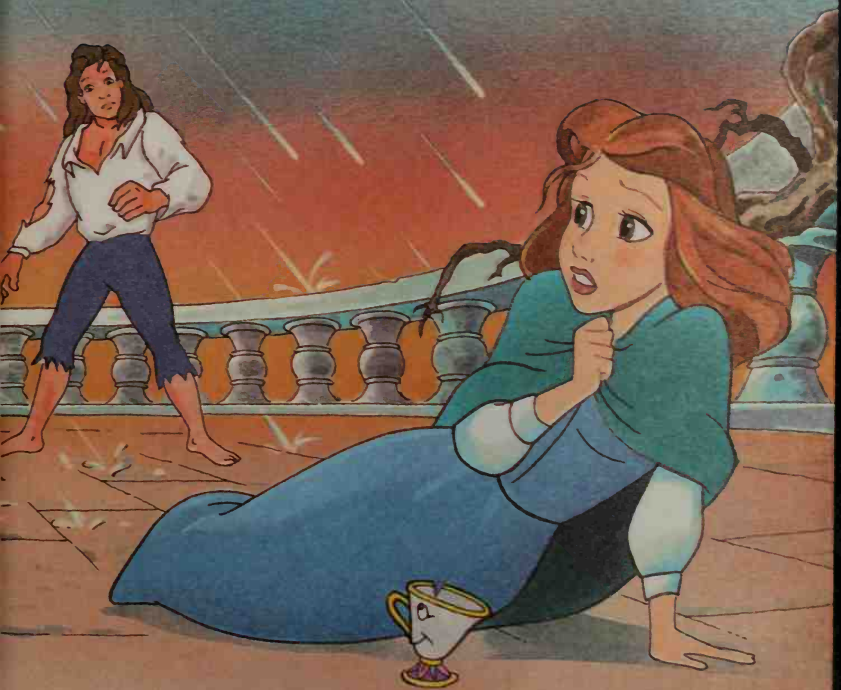
The fight was over when they reached the castle. Gaston had fallen from the roof. But the Beast was badly wounded. Belle held him as the last petal dropped from the enchanted rose. Her tears fell upon the Beast. "I love you," she sobbed.





At that moment the air was filled with magic. Chip the teacup began to tremble.

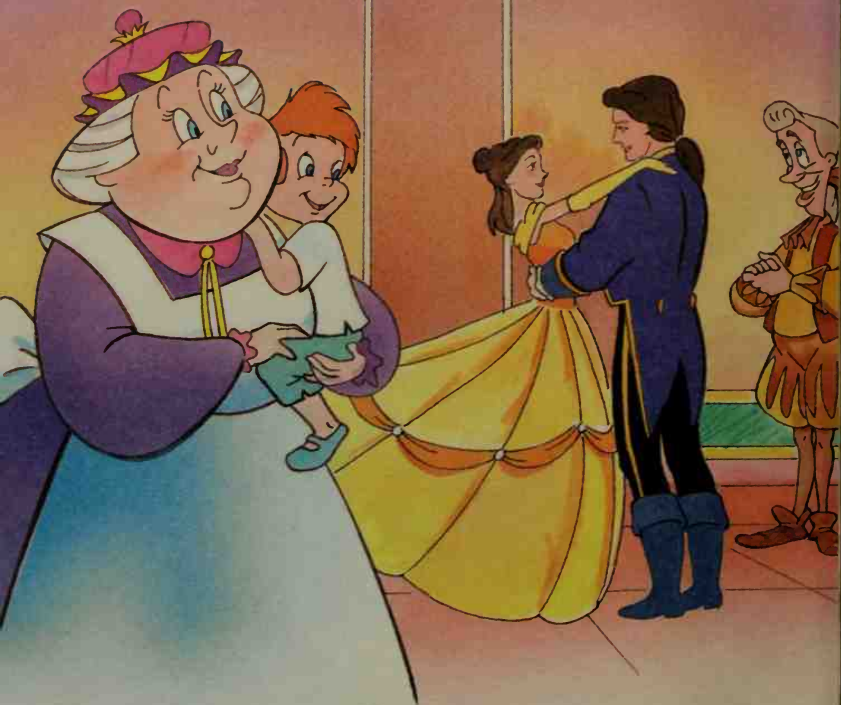
The Beast stared at his paws as they changed back into human hands. He became a prince again.



"Belle . . . it's me," said the prince.

Belle kissed her handsome prince, and suddenly all the objects felt themselves turn into humans once more.





It was a joyous day, and from that time on everyone in the castle lived happily ever after, including the little boy named Chip.



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